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On April 20, 2012, [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] home address [redacted] Florida, residence [redacted] telephone number [redacted] mobile telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, which is also the address of [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as Detective [redacted] of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, and the nature of the interview, that being to determine if [redacted] threatened to kill United States (US) Congressman Thomas J. Rooney, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] was told that threatening phone calls had been made to US Congressman Rooney's office from [redacted] telephone number, which [redacted] confirmed is [redacted] initially denied having any knowledge regarding US Congressman Rooney being threatened and [redacted] said he did not call US Congressman Rooney's office. Upon further questioning, [redacted] admitted that he received a call from US Congressman Rooney's office but he did not answer it. [redacted] saw the call on his voice mail and called the number back. [redacted] said some people do not leave him a voice mail and he calls the numbers back. [redacted] said once he called the number back, realized the call was not pertaining to [redacted] and it was US Congressman Rooney's office, he said he thinks he hung up the phone. [redacted] remembered that a woman answered the phone. [redacted] showed the interviewing agents the incoming call on his caller ID. His caller ID showed [redacted] a portion of US Congressman Rooney's name, and the call came in at 2:20 pm on April 19. [redacted] said that getting too many phone calls makes him mad.

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[redacted] said he does not drink alcohol and he has a filthy mouth, but he did not threaten US Congressman Rooney. [redacted] said he did not call US Congressman Rooney's office and have a threatening conversation with the person who answered the phone. He also stated that he did not leave a threatening voice mail at the same office.

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Detective [redacted] placed the threatening voice mail received at US Congressman Rooney's office on a digital recorder and had [redacted] listen to it. [redacted] said that he did not leave a

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voice mail at US Congressman Rooney's office and the person's voice on the recorder is not his voice.

_____ was asked if there was anyone else that could have made the phone calls in question from his phone. _____ said the only person he could think of that may have possibly been in his shop the day before would be _____. _____ was hesitant to provide _____ name and was uncertain if _____ had stopped by the previous day. _____ described _____ as well as doing a little of everything.

During the interview, _____ called and he explained to her that he was speaking with the FBI regarding threatening phone calls received at US Congressman Rooney's office. _____ told his wife he had called US Congressman Rooney's office because he was calling back a number on his caller ID. He told his wife it was a "dead number." _____ was asked what he meant when he said "dead number." _____ said it meant it was a waste, not related to _____. _____ again said he thinks he hung up the phone when the female answered the phone at US Congressman Rooney's office.

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_____ said he is not currently under the care of a psychiatrist or psychologist, and has never been Baker Acted. _____ currently takes the following medications:

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_____ also used to take _____ and therefore he stopped taking it approximately 1 month ago.

_____ said he has been depressed since _____ and his wife are _____

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_____ said he does not want or intend to hurt US Congressman Rooney. When asked if he owns any firearms, _____ said he keeps a loaded pistol _____ and an unloaded shotgun _____. _____ opened _____ and showed SA _____ the pistol.

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[REDACTED] seldom uses his cell phone, which has a number of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] also mentioned that the phone connection box by the road has a [REDACTED]. When asked what relevance that has to the conversation, [REDACTED] said he does not know what goes on with the phone connection box.

[REDACTED] was admonished by the interviewing agents about the seriousness of making threats and that if he makes any threats, he may be arrested and charged.